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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 4th/September, through Sunday, 11th/September there were 205 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PY0S, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

2ND STRANGE RADIO EVENT

This year's event is sponsored by the "Strange Radio Team" (SRT) with the collaboration of the Salerno and Taranto ARI clubs. This yearly event does change its goals every year. To obtain the "Strange Radio Event Certificate" this year, there is a 30 point minimum required. The

Strange Radio event will take place from the 0000z, October 21st to the 2400z, October 23rd. S.R.T. stations and the associates of respective A.R.I. Sections are worth 3 points, the special callsigns are worth 5 points and the special station is worth 10 points. These stations can be contacted once every day per single band. A prize will go to the station that has the greatest number of QSOs. Prize will be given out during the 3rd Strange Radio Meeting in Salerno. More details and updated information is available on:

http://www.strangeradioteam.com

Look for the following S.R.T. special callsigns:

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II0SRT QSL via IZ0BTV (Simone)        II6SRT QSL via IZ6FZS (Mirko)
II1SRT QSL via IZ1GJK (Maurizio)      II7SRT QSL via IZ7FLT (Fulvio)
II2SRT QSL via I2JJR  (Augusto)       II8SRT QSL via IZ8EDJ (Oreste)
II3SRT QSL via I3BQC  (Vittorino)     IO8SRT QSL via IK8WEJ (Franco)
II5SRT QSL via IZ5BTC  (Max)          II9SRT QSL via IT9MUF (Marcello)
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3Y0X, PETER I ISLAND (Update)

The following press release was put on the 3Y0X Web page dated September 5th, by Ralph/K0IR and Bob/K4UEE (Peter I DXpedition co-leaders): "The 2006 Peter I (3Y0X) DXpedition Team announced today that it has been awarded a major sponsorship grant by the Northern California DX Foundation, Inc. (NCDXF). This DXpedition is funded principally by the contributions of its twenty-plus team members, but 30% of the total cost must come from the DX community. We are extremely pleased that the Northern California DX Foundation has decided to be the DXpedition's largest financial contributor. Their contribution to the 2006 DXpedition exceeds their contribution for last year's postponed effort. The DXpedition leaders and team members thank NCDXF for their continued confidence and support. In early February, 2006, a multinational team of approximately twenty operators, one explorer, and a professional photographer led by Antarctic DXpedition veterans Ralph Fedor, K0IR, and Bob Allphin, K4UEE, will activate Peter I Island. Team members come from France, Norway, Russia, Switzerland, Netherlands, Martinique and the United States, and many possess significant DXpedition and Antarctic experience." For further information on the Peter I DXpedition and how to contribute to the success of this DXpedition, go to:

http://www.peterone.com

A6, U.A.E

Members of the Slovenia Contest Club (SCC) will be active as A61AJ during the CQ Worldwide DX RTTY Contest (September 24-25th) as a Multi-Multi entry. North American stations should QSL via K2UO and all others via DJ2MX.

C21, NAURU

Roger/G3SXW and Nigel/G3TXF plan to operate from Nauru (**OC-031**) as C21SX and C21XF, respectively, starting about 0800z on September 20th to about 1900z on September 25th. Their activity will be CW ONLY. Roger, C21SX, will operate the traditional HF bands (80-10m) on: 3503, 7003, 14023, 21023, 28023 kHz, and plans to be active each day during the hour before sunrise (1845z) on 3503 in the hope of working Western Europe. Nigel, C21XF, will concentrate on the WARC bands on 10103/10113/10123, 18073/18083 and 24893/24903. QSL

C21SX via G3SXW, and C21XF via G3TXF. Further details, including propagation forecasts, are available on:

http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/C21-Nauru/C21.html

DX MAGAZINE MOST WANTED SURVEY

Carl Smith, N4AA, Editor/Publisher of QRZ DX and The DX Magazine, announced that the 2005 Most Wanted survey conducted by The DX Magazine is now available at:

http://www.dxpub.com

Carl states, "Please let all of your DXer friends know about the survey. The more input we get, the better the results. Deadline for response is October 15, 2005. Click on the survey notice at the bottom of the home page and submit your 'needs'. Please be careful when marking the boxes for your Continent and/or USA TIME ZONE. Marking the wrong box will invalidate your response. The complete results will be published in the Jan/Feb 2006 issue of The DX Magazine, with a breakdown by mode in the Mar/Apr 2006 issue. The Top 100 will be posted to the web site in mid- January 2006."

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager, informs OPDX that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
5X1B - Uganda, for August 3-12th, 2005
KH9/AH8H - Wake Island, for operations in 2003 and 2004
TT8BZ - Chad, for March 31st through August 23rd, 2005

FH & FR, MAYOTTE AND REUNION ISLAND

Serge, F6AML, (and possibly with another TO7C operator) will be active as FR/F6AML from September 27th to October 23rd. During this period he will also be active from Mayotte (between October 10-14th) as FH/F6AML. Activity will be on 40-10 meters. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 7014, 10115, 14014, 18071, 21014, 24892 and 28014 kHz
SSB - 7057, 14266, 18140, 21266, 24966 and 28444 kHz.

QSL is OK via the bureau or direct to F6AML.

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON

Operators Stan/AC8W, Ted/K8AQM, Henry/K8DD, Greg/K8GL, Ian/K8MM and Kurt/W8IQ will be here between November 22-28th. They plan to be active as FP/K8DD during the CQ WW DX CW Contest as a Multi-Multi or Multi-2 entry, depending on the conditions and antennas. Before and after the contest operators will be using their own callsigns. They will sign FP/homecall and are planning to be active on PSK-31, RTTY and the WARC bands before the contest. The possibility of adding one or two more operators exists. QSL FP/AC8W, FP/K8DD and FP/K8GL direct only via K8NA. QSL FP/K8MM direct only to CBA. QSL FP/K8AQM and FP/W8IQ direct (CBA) or by the bureau. Bureau cards (to home callsigns) will eventually be answered.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Bob/W9XY and Steve/K9WD will be operating as homecall/HI7 from Punta Cana, D.R., from October 16-22nd. Using two separate stations, activity will be on CW and SSB on 40-10 meters, with a possibility of some 6 meters as well. Transmitting from the all-inclusive Sunscape "The Beach" resort, Bob and Steve will mostly be active during the evenings after "sun and fun" activities are over for the day. QSL via their home callsigns, either direct or via the Bureau.

IOTA NEWS

AS-008. Look for 7L3ATQ/1 to be active from **To Island** (JIIA AS-008-013) in the JA1 North Izu Island group, September 17-19th. QSL via the home callsign either direct or by the Bureau.

EU-004. Kurt, HB9XCL, will be active as EA6/HB9XCL/p from the **Island of Formentera** (DIE E-024 and MIA MB-002), Balearic Islands, September 18-23rd. Activity will be on all HF bands, with an emphasis on SSB and the digital modes. QSL via his home callsign; bureau is preferred.

EU-008/
EU-123. Operators Steve/G0MTD, Malcolm/2E0MAX, Brian/G0OMB, Norman/M0CRM, Joe/M0DHV and Malcolm/M0XAT will be active as MS0WRC/p from the **Isle of Mull** (IOSA NH-15 and SCOTIA CN-10), September 11-17th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB, 2 meter FM, possibly digital and CW. Also, there is a possibilty (operator dependant) that they will activate a local lighthouse and go to the Isle of Iona (EU-123, IOSA NH-15 and SCOTIA CN-01). QSL via the bureau or direct to G0MTD.

EU-031. Peter, DJ2OS, plans to activate a few islands in this IOTA group between September 13-16th. The following islands were mentioned: **Ischia** (IIA NA-001, MIA MI-042), **Capri** (IIA NA-006, MIA MI-015) and **Procida** (IIA NA-002, MIA MI-080). Look for him daily starting at 1800z on 14260 kHz, and also a little later on 10120 kHz. QSL via is home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

EU-042. Georg, DK7LX, will be active as DK7LX/p from **Foehr Island** (GIA/DID N-17), October 6-12th. Activity will be mainly CW, using a multiband vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-174. Laci, HA0HW, will go to **Thassos Island** and be active as J48HW and SV8/HA0HW/p now through September 18th. Activity will be on HF bands, 80-10 meters, the WARC bands included, on CW, SSB, BPSK31 and RTTY. His rig is FT-840 using monoband dipoles and GPS on fishing poles. QSL cards are OK via the HA Bureau or direct.

NA-062. Bodo, DL3OCH, will be active as W4/DL3OCH from **Key West** (USI FL-040S, Monroe county, Florida) between September 30th and November 4th. Activity will be CW only. There is a possibility of Bodo to activate other IOTAs as well. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

NA-140. David, AH6HY, will be active as AH6HY/W3 from **Smith Island** (USI MD-003S, Somerset County, Maryland), September 16-18th. Activity will be SSB only, 20-10 meters. QSL via AH6HY (use **(QRZ.com)** address).

OC-NEW. Kardi, YB1TC, Project Manager, reports that the **Karimata DXpedition** is on

schedule. Operation will take place September 16-20th. Activity will be mainly on 40-15 meters with an emphasis on 80/160 meters. The callsign will be YE7P. The team will be landing on the island on September 15th, at about 1500z, and try their best to initiate the first activity on September 16th, at 0000z on 15m SSB and CW, beaming to JA and NA west coast. IOTA frequencies will be used with split operations when needed. They will try to operate 24 hours with 2 or 3 radios at a time (5 radios are available). Operators are YB5QZ, YB0DPO, YB0ECT, YB0KLI, YB0JS, YB0MCR, YD0LLY, YB1TX, YC1XDS, YB2MTA and lead by Kardi, YB1TC, also as QSL Manager. Their Web site is already online and will include online logs that will be available during event. Please visit their Web site and take a look to at their sponsors. The online logs will be updated every 30 minutes. The Web site is on:

http://www.orari.web.id

QSL route for North America is via K8SIX, Japan via JN6RZM and Europe via IZ8CCW. You can also send directly to Kardi, YB1TC. The first batch cards will be ready in mid-October, and Kardi will distribute QSLs to all 3 QSL Managers. Anyone who needs a QSL before the January 31st IOTA deadline, please send request directly to YB1TC. After you send a request, please send an E-mail to Kardi (**yb1tc@msn.com**)so he can prepare to reply immediately.

SA-NEW. A group of several operators from Argentina led by Daniel, LU3CT, will be active from **Isla Escondida**, in the North of Chubut Province. Callsign already issued is: L95WI. They will leave the 20th of October, and hope to be ON THE AIR starting the 22nd, operating 24 hours a day with 4 stations until the 24th, then they will return back home by the 26th. Operations will be 80-10 meters, CW, SSB and the Digimodes. QSL via Dany, LU3CT, to the following address where donations can be also be sent to help the DXpedition's expenses at: Sr. DANIEL CARLOS FAIGUENBLAT, TRES ARROYOS 768, C1416DCF, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

J3, GRENADA

Harry/AC8G and Kelly/N0VD plan to activate Grenada from October 26th to November 1st. In the CQ WW SSB Contest, they will use J3A. Outside the contest AC8G will use J37K, and N0VD will use a callsign to be determined. QSL J3A via WA1S and J37K via AC8G. Activity outside the contest will be on the regular bands, 12/17 meters and perhaps 6 meters. They still have time to add other operators. Contact AC8G, if interested, at: **hflasher@dayton.net** Two Polish operators will also be on the island during the same time period (plus a few more days). They have indicated that they plan to do mostly CW operations.

J43, GREECE

Geza, HA4XG, will be active as J43XG from October 1-15th from Rio (near Patras - KM08vh). He will use his FT-897D on the HF bands (40-10 meters, including the WARC bands) with a DunaX GPS and dipoles, and on 2 meters with an 8 element Yagi antenna. He does like CW but will try to work on SSB and FSK441 also. Geza is on his holiday with his wife, so main time of operation will be during his early mornings and evenings. QSL via the HA QSL Bureau or direct.

KH7, KURE ISLAND

Another press release (Kure-Osity #4, dated Sept 7th) was sent out by Ward, N0AX, this past week. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release as an additional bulletin. Excerpts from the press release indicate that the K7C Team members are converging

on Honolulu to complete preparations and sail for Kure on the 15th of September. Captain Bill Austin is preparing the "Machias" to be their home for the next month. Local amateurs Kimo/KH7U and Pat/NH6UY are doing yeoman service in handling gear and shipping chores. Ward states,

> "For example, to prevent importation of invasive species to Kure, new clothing is required and all supplies will be deep frozen before shipping! To do my part, I've purchased the world's ugliest tennis shoes just for the island, and you'll no doubt see my colorful apparel in several photos."

The press release asks that DXers (especially around the Pacific Rim) to please be patient as they take advantage of any openings to the other side of the world. They also ask that DXers to please be disciplined and stand by when requested. Their first goal will be to give as many different DXers a contact with the island, and that may mean focusing on the one or two most reliable bands for the first few days. Later in the expedition, they will try to explore openings on more marginal bands. Pay close attention to the DXA Web site and to the K7C operators instructions and bulletins. The DXA Web page is:

http://www.cordell.org/DXA

KH9, WAKE ISLAND

Dan, W0CN, informs OPDX that he is pleased to announce his KH9 DXpedition which will take place (firm) between September 18-30th. Some equipment has already been shipped and has arrived on Wake Island. Should any plans change, information will be posted on:

http://www.qrz.com/w0cn

The KH9/W0CN DXpedition to Wake Island will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Activity will be on 160-10 meters CW/SSB. The QSL Manager will be K9JS, by the bureau or direct to: Jonathan L. Schulz, 813 West Washington, Harvard, IL 60033. Logs will be submitted to the "Logbook of the World" (LoTW).

MU, GUERNSEY

Members of the Purple Mug Team DX Group (PMTDXG) will activate the Island of Alderney (EU-114), the most northernly island of the Channel Islands group, from Wednesday, October 12th to Wednesday, October 19th. A group of four amateur radio operators from around the U.K. will be operational on all HF bands, 6 meters, VHF APRS, VHF/UHF, SSB, and hopefully, some satellite activity. They hope the first calls could be made during the evening of the 12th; most probably on 80/40 meters. Worked All Britain (WAB)and Lighthouse activity may take place depending on the availability of portable power supplies/generator.
Further information is available from: **dave@g1ocn.com** Skeds are welcomed and encouraged. Callsigns and QSL route(s) are: GU5XW via G5XW, GU1OCN via G5XW, MW0JZE via G5XW and MU3SDE via M3SDE. For more information, see individual callsigns on QRZ.COM. Also, visit the PMTDXG Web page at:

http://www.pmtdxgroup.co.uk

More details/updates will be sent prior to departure.

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (Update/Correction)

Brian, KP2HC (ex-KF2HC), informs OPDX that there is a minor correction regarding the NP2

posting in **OPDX.725**. Ann will be doing the November Sweepstakes Phone Contest, QRP from their new home in St. Croix not St. Thomas. Additionally, her new callsign is KP2YL (ex-W2AZK).

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS

Hadi, DJ2PJ, will be OHØJWH once again from Eckero Island in the Aland Archipelago from September 25th to October 7th. His activity will be on all HF bands, 160-10 meters (no 6 meters this time), including the WARC bands, on CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, MFSK, SSTV, and Hell. A special focus will be on 160-30 meters. QSL via DJ2PJ, direct or by the Bureau, or by E-mail request **(ohØjwh@dj2pj.de)**. More info is avalaible at:

http://www.dj2pj.de

LAST MINUTE UPDATE: On his upcoming visit to the Alands, OHØJWH will be using the callsign OHØP!

PJ5, ST. MAARTEN/ST. EUSTATIUS

Jim, K1NA, will be active as PJ5NA during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via K1NA (100% QSL direct only with SASE) No bureau cards will be answered.

PLEASE STAY CLEAR...TNX

A request has been sent out for stations to keep the following frequencies (plus/miuns 5 kHz) clear for emergency nets:

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14265 (SATERN NET)                  3873 (W Gulf ARES Net)
 7285 (W Gulf ARES Net)             3935 (Katrina h/w Traffic Net)
 7290 (Katrina h/w Traffic Net)
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PY0S, ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ROCKS

Joca, PS7JN, is active as PY0S/PS7JN until September 22nd. Activity will be on all HF bands CW/SSB and also various digital modes. Over the past week, he was heard mainly on 20 meters SSB/RTTY/PSK. There was one QSN on 40 meters. QSL to his home callsign.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

Joe, K1JN, informs OPDX that there seems to be much confusion regarding the various QSL Managers for the VP9I callsign. Different operations should be QSLed via different managers. Joe states that he has received many direct and bureau requests for operations that he is not the manager for, especially the CQWW 2003 CW Contest. He periodically forwards these cards to the correct managers, but this will slow down the turn around time of your card considerably. The correct managers are:

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CQWW 2002 SSB via K1EU          CQWW 2003 CW via KQ1F
CQWW 2003 SSB via K1JN          CQ WPX 2005  via N1HRA
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Randy, W5UE, reports, "As a result of Hurricane Katrina my QTH was flooded with 4 feet of water. As luck would have it most of the blank QSLs for stations I manage were underwater and have been ruined. I plan to continue as manager for these stations, however, I will

appreciage your patience in the coming months as new cards will need to be ordered, and I will be establishing a new QTH. Stations managed by W5UE include: **HC8N, HC8L, PZ5A, K5R, W4D and 6G1KK**. Please check my web page often to get my latest status." His web page is:

http://www.datasync.com/~w5ue/qsl-w5ue.html

Tim, N4GN, announced Friday that a log search is now available for **T88BH, T88GG and T80A**. Just send an E-mail to **t8-log@n4gn.com** and include up to ten callsigns in the subject line of your message. For details, see the following web site:

http://www.n4gn.com/logsearches/

Alan, VK4AAR, advised OPDX on Friday: "This is to advise that all valid requests for **VK6DHI** cards will be cleared and in the mail between now (9th Sept) and Sunday (11th Sept).

SILENT KEY

OPDX has been informed by Angelo, I2ACC, that Tino, I2ZZZ, became a "Silent Key" (SK) on August 29th, 2005. Tino was a long time DXer, a great CW enthusiast and DXCC Honor Roll #1.

SPECIAL EVENT

The Anaheim Police A.R.C. will be operating as K6P to commemorate **"POW-MIA Recognition Day."** The station will operate from September 11-18th. Operation will generally take place between 2000-0300z daily. The purpose of the event is to honor and remember those that served and those that are still waiting to be fully accounted for. The event will gratefully acknowledge the sacrifices made by American military personnel and their families as they endured captivity in the service of the nation. The suggested frequencies (as propagation and QRM permits) will be as follows: 28450, 24950, 21350, 18150, 14253 and 7250 kHz SSB. QSL direct with an S.A.S.E. to KM6HB: Mark McMullin. P.O. Box 27271, Santa Ana, California 92799 U.S.A.. PHOTO QSL CARD ONLY is available, NO CERTIFICATE.

SPECIAL EVENT

The military radio club, F6KAT, will use the callsign **TM5OBA** from November 26th to December 10th. They will be active on HF and VHF. The activity is to celebrate the **50th anniversary of the French Air Force Base 128 at Metz-Frescaty**. They will run two stations on the HF bands (one for SSB and CW and one for the digital modes) and one VHF station. QSL via F6KAT, direct or by the bureau.

SWL WEB PAGE/MAILING LIST

The Mediterranian DX Club (MDXC) has been supporting the IOTA since 1997. The IOTA Program was established back in 1964 by the late Geoff Watts, BRS-3129, the only SWL ever inducted in the CQ DX Hall of Fame. For this reason, the MDXC is now glad to open a Web site for SWLs around the world. Please visit their Web page and join them at:

http://www.mdxc.org/swl

In order to subscribe to the SWL mailing list, please send an E-mail to:
mdxcswl-subscribe@mdxc.org

T88, PALAU

You still have a couple of days (until September 13th) to work Tony, KQ2I, as T88AT. Activity on has been on CW. QSL via KQ2I.

TF, ICELAND

Rich N0HJZ, will active as TF/N0HJZ, from October 26-30th. Activity will include the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via N0HJZ. Look for activity before the contest. He states that he will use large rhombics and full power.

V5, NAMIBIA

Klaus, DJ4SO, will be active as V51/DJ4SO between September 18th and October 12th. Activity will be on 6 meters with an HB9CV antenna. QSL via his home callsign.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ",
please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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kb8nw@arrl.net

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From: "Ward Silver" hwardsil@centurytel.net
To: kb8nw@arrl.net
Subject: Kure-Osity Bulletin #4
Date: Wed, 7 Sep 2005 20:05:44 -0700

Gentlemen,

Please feel free to use this as you choose.

Thanks and 73, Ward N0AX

Kure-Osity #4

7 September 2005
by H. Ward Silver, N0AX (n0ax@arrl.net)

K7C Team Member

K7C Web site: http://www.cordell.org/htdocs/KURE/

Working and QSLing the Expedition

Team members are converging on Honolulu to complete preparations and sail for Kure on the 15th of September. Captain Bill Austin is preparing the Machias to be our home away from home for the next month and local kahunas Kimo KH7U and Pat NH6UY are doing yeoman service in handling

gear and shipping chores. For example, to prevent importation of invasive species to Kure, new clothing is required and all supplies will be deep frozen before shipping! To do my part, I've purchased the world's ugliest tennis shoes just for the island and you'll no doubt seen my colorful apparel in several photos.

Now, the important part - working the Expedition. For those DXers located around the Pacific Rim, we ask your forbearance and patience as we take advantage of any openings to the other side of the world. Kure is very rare in Europe and the propagation path takes us directly over the North Pole and through the auroral zone. If the propagation gods smile upon us, we will be able to put many EU call signs in the log, but only if our friends closer to Kure give them a chance. The same goes for the various regions of North America - be disciplined and stand by when requested.

While you are listening for Kure, also take some time to listen to the NCDXF beacon system's outpost in Honolulu, KH6WO. (The system is described at www.ncdxf.org/beacons.html) If you can hear that beacon, you can probably hear us and maybe we can hear you. We will be particularly interested in reports from the US, SA, and JA of 10- and 12-meter beacon reception. From EU, reception reports on 17-meters and up will be of interest. You can contribute those reports through our relay stations listed on the Web site and in the previous Kure-Osity Bulletin.

Our first goal will be to give as many different DXers a contact with the island and that may mean focusing on the one or two most reliable bands for the first few days. Later in the expedition, we'll try to explore openings on more marginal bands. Pay close attention to the DXA Web site and to the K7C operators instructions and bulletins. Because we are at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, we won't have the luxury of big openings on any band we choose. Be alert and don't depend on the spotting networks to lead you to us - keep that Big Knob turning!

Speaking of DXA, the K7C expedition will aim for the highest standards of logging accuracy, even under trying conditions of personal or ionospheric circumstance, but don't presume that if the call sign is "close" you'll get a card. Use the band-mode status display on the DXA Web site (www.cordell.org/DXA) to confirm that your call is in the log. If it is, don't make "insurance QSOs", depriving some other DXer of their contact. Make sure that your clock and calendar are set properly to avoid time and date errors on your QSL. The mark of a good DXer is accurate logging and QSLing - after all, are we radio operators or computer screen watchers?

If possible, I will file one more bulletin before the Machias shoves off from the pier and we begin our adventure. All is well, and we hope to be QRV on schedule from the oldest and furthest of the Hawaiian Islands, setting your imaginations and S-meter needles jumping!

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